



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
REGIONAL PARK AND  
OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**

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The Honorable Board of Directors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND  
AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT TO THE COUNTY OF LOS  
ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE DEL VALLE PARK  
PROJECT  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$737,000 in Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 to the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, for the Del Valle Park Project.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find the proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the reasons cited herein;
2. Allocate excess funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District in an amount not to exceed \$737,000 to the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation for the Del Valle Park Project; and
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant when applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grant as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Proposition A Grants Administration Manual for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$737,000 in Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) for the Del Valle Park Project (Project).

The proposed Project includes the installation of a shade structure and updates to park amenities to meet the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) throughout the park, including park entryways, restrooms, and playground structures. The total estimated Project cost is \$737,000, which will be fully funded by the recommended Excess Funds.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), or his designee, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District), be authorized to award the grant when applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the project, and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, as well as grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the projects. It is further recommended that the Director be authorized to administer the grant under procedures previously approved by the Board.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The proposed recommendations further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Fostering Vibrant and Resilient Communities (Goal II, Strategy 2) and Realizing Tomorrow's Government Today (Goal III, Strategy 3) by administering grant funds to support the wellness of our communities throughout the Fifth Supervisorial District.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Sufficient appropriation for the grants in an amount not to exceed \$737,000 is budgeted in the District's Excess Project Funds HD6.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

In January 2019, the Board approved the Proposition A Grants Administration Manual to govern the administration of District grants. The Proposition A Grants Administration Manual will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

All public agency projects funded by the District are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. DPR is the lead agency for the Project.

The recommendations to allocate and award grant funds are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the actions are administrative activities of government grants.

**CONTRACTING PROCESS**

A Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Grants Administration Manual approved by the Board in 2019 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by the District. The recommended project will promote healthy activities in public spaces in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

**CONCLUSION**

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division and to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors